



BREMERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



Chief Strachan's Weekly Update

The week before the holidays tends to be busy; too many people doing last minute things, too much stress and often, too much drinking. This week was no exception to that rule.

Late Saturday night the residents of a home off of Kitsap Way called 911 a little before 4:00 AM to tell us there was a man with a flashlight who they thought might be preparing to break into their residence. Officer Bill Prouse located the man by the water, talking to himself. He said he "only wanted to get a drink of water from their faucet." He was soaking wet and dehydrated, and said he thought the house was a church. He was taken back to his family's house in the Silverdale area.

On Monday evening, a dad was with his kids at a fast food restaurant in West Bremerton when he briefly put his cell phone down on a table. When he looked back, the cell phone was gone. The man asked some employees who were outside if they observed anyone leave with a cell phone. An employee said they observed a man who hangs around there coming out of the building, stuffing something in his coat with a white power cord hanging down. Hmm, that would be a clue. Officer Cory Ditmer located the suspect walking nearby with a cell phone in his hand. When he was asked about it, the man replied, "I took it, it was f---in' stupid." Why yes, it was. He was arrested for theft and a search revealed narcotics in his coat pocket. He blamed drug use for his misjudgment today as he went to jail.

Tuesday night, detectives from the Sheriff's Office were traveling northbound on Highway 16 when they spotted an obvious drunk driver. The detectives tried to stop the car, but the driver decided she wasn't going to stop until she made it all the way to one of the gates at the Naval Base. The State Patrol also assisted, and we had spike strips set up in case they were needed. According to the Sergeant, the woman made some comments about getting home to watch the presidential debate and later tested a .16 alcohol content.

Below is a photo of the annual holiday photo of our graveyard shift officers. They do a group photo each year. These are the people who are patrolling our community and handling difficult cases while most of our residents are asleep.



Finally, for December's "Fuzz Fund" donation, Officer Steven Polonsky decided we would support Toys for Tots. Once that decision was made, Elena Rinonos of our Patrol Division put the word out for our staff to make additional contributions, because it's a great cause this time of year. We ended up giving well over \$500 to our local Toys for Tots effort. Steven along with Officer Jon Meador and the Marines who came to accept the donation are pictured below.

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